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RE: CIGARETTE FILTER SYSTEM/PM 706/USSN 853146
British Application No. 43594/78--R&G 22152

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your letter transmitting the Search Report.

I believe that an amendment to limit the scope of Claim 1 would be desirable, since one can see from the variety of citations listed that the Claim is capable of being read on some quite different filter constructions. Whether it would be better to submit a voluntary amendment now or just wait for examination is a matter we shall leave to your discretion.

The attached draft of a revised Claim 1 will give you an idea of our present thinking, but please review the citations carefully and reach your own conclusions. Our draft may be unnecessarily restrictive in some respects. However, the purpose of the "either/or" clause in part (a) is an attempt to embrace generically the various illustrated embodiments including Figure 8 as well as the others in which the filter of reduced cross-section actually abuts the rod. This may be the most troublesome aspect of claiming.

We look forward to your comments and suggestions on how best to proceed.

Very truly yours,

Arthur I. Palmer, Jr.

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